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FORESTY AND FOREST FIRES

"New York and the New England States have recently had examples of the destruction forest fires can cause which they will not care to have repeated soon. The dry weather, careless fire lighters and the heedlessness of years have all combined during the past few weeks to make this lesson impressive. Many square miles of virgin forests have been burned over, millions of feet of valuable timber destroyed and damage done to the protection of water sources which it will need a generation to repair. And only timely rains and not human foresight prevented greater destruction.

"The only benefit which can come from this condition of things is the lesson it will teach the States in guarding against a repetition of these fires. The worst damage done has occurred in Maine and New York. The former State has no forestry preserve laws, while the latter has, but the harm done in New York will probably be as great as in Maine, and it would have been greater had it not been for the efforts of private persons. This would seem to argue some radical defects in New York's forestry laws, and the criticisms awakened by the enforcement of those laws is further proof of the need of a radical change in the laws or the method of enforcement.

"It is encouraging to know that the National Forestry Bureau will, during the present Summer, make a scientific and exhaustive investigation into the causes of and the remedies for these forest fires. Such an investigation is amply justified by the immense annual loss from this cause, a loss which is estimated at \$25,000,000 or more a year. Work on this line has already been begun in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and it will be extended to the Pacific Coast. Similar investigations should be carried on in this State, New Jersey, New York and New England. The facts brought out by such an inquiry and the suggestions made will prove valuable in any future movement these States may make toward forestry preservation.

"Pennsylvania has been fortunate this year in escaping with few forest fires, although much of the State was subject to the May drought. This State has by legislation done much to meet the dangers of forest fires, and the Department of Forestry is looking after the enforcement of these laws with untiring zeal. It is impossible, however, to police the entire State adequately with fire wardens, and so long as our woodlands supply the material for easy burning, as they do now forest fires more or less destructive will continue to do their desolating work."—Philadelphia Press.

ORIGINATED IN THE SOUTH

"The beautiful custom of decorating the graves of the soldiers who were killed in the Civil War originated in the South. The women of Dixie conceived the idea of strewing flowers on the last resting places of the heroic men who fought for the Confederacy and died for the Lost Cause. The North, has its Decoration Day, when the graves of the men who wore the blue, are adorned with floral tributes. The South has its Memorial Day, or, rather memorial days, and in some cases the day on which the exercises are held commemorates some stirring event in the war between the States. For instance, June 9th has been for many years Memorial Day in Petersburg, Va., where the bodies of thousands of Confederate soldiers are buried. On June 9th, 1865, an attack was made unexpectedly on that city by a large force of Federal cavalry. The attacking party was held in check by a detachment of citizen soldiery until reinforcements could be hurried to the scene by General Lee. In that engagement a number of the citizen defenders of Petersburg were slain. Last Saturday was Memorial Day at Winchester, Va., and the fact that 8,000 persons took part in the exercises attests the love and admiration in which the Southern people hold the heroes who died for the South."—Baltimore Sun.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Jennie Goldsborough is on the sick list.
Mrs. H. C. Aiken is visiting in Wilmington.
Mrs. Amos Wilson spent Wednesday in Elkton.
Ole Evans, of near Townsend, spent Sunday in town.
Mr. T. Bayard Vinyard is confined to his room with measles.

Mr. G. H. Hayden, of Wilmington, was in town Wednesday.

Divine service at the M. P. Church tomorrow at 10.30. Rev. W. D. Litsinger, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. M. Garner are on a short visit to Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry Pensil, of Chesapeake City, was the guest of friends in town Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. Guy Johnson, of Elkton, has been the guest of friends in town during the past week.

Mr. Albam Marsh has accepted a position as clerk in the general store of Mrs. Sallie Gunkel.

Edward Lynch, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Lynch, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Merritt were entertained at the home of Mrs. Arabella Fiser near town Sunday.

The ladies of the M. P. Church held a strawberry and ice cream festival last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Miss Emma L. Vinyard was among the First District ladies to take the teachers' examination in Elkton on Tuesday and Wednesday.

CECILTON SIFTINGS

Miss Clara Manlove is on the sick list at this writing.

Frank Jamison, of Wilmington, is the guest of relatives in town.

Children's Day services will be held in the M. E. Church next Sunday.

Messrs. Fred Hoover and George Boyles were in Chestertown on Saturday.

Miss Lillie Pierce has returned from visiting friends in Chesapeake City.

Jacob Metz, of Chesapeake City, visited his cousin, George Richards, Saturday.

Victor Jones, of Chester, Pa., was the guest of his uncle, Mark Vinyard, last week.

Preston Shalleross, of Philadelphia, visited his grandfather, Thomas P. Jones, this week.

Miss Minnie Messick and brother, Artemus, attended the commencement at Dover this week.

Mrs. S. P. Lushy spent a few days of the past week with her mother, Mrs. Wills, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Albert Davis and son have returned to their home in Baltimore after visiting relatives in town.

Miss Edith Alderson has been visiting her cousins, Misses Blanche and Penola VanBoskirk, of Baltimore.

Dr. and Mrs. William A. Pierce, of Germantown, Pa., have been the guests of his sister, Mrs. James H. Pierce.

Mrs. William Taylor and children have returned home after spending sometime with relatives in Virginia and Baltimore.

TOWNSEND NOTES

Mr. W. B. Weldon was in Philadelphia Monday.

Mrs. Harold Whitehouse, of Wilmington, is in town.

Miss Winnie Price, of Still Pond, Md., is visiting Mrs. W. N. Watts.

The examinations of the Townsend school will be held next week.

Miss Lizzie-Disch has been seriously ill this week but is now convalescing.

Miss Sallie Hollis spent several days this week with Mr. G. M. D. Hart.

Miss Elsie Adelhelm, of Manayunk, Pa., visited Miss Ella Maloney this week.

Rev. G. P. Jones and wife, of Wilmington, visited friends in Townsend this week.

Mr. Homer Lilly, of Newark, spent several days this week with Townsend friends.

Mr. Edgar Jones, of near Seaford, visited his uncle, Mr. D. B. Jones, on Wednesday.

A large number of Townsend people attended the marriage of Miss Beniah Naylor, near Odessa, Thursday.

The Townsend Epworth League, of which Prof. McCabe had been a prominent member, held a memorial service on Friday evening.

Rev. J. H. Beauchamp delivered an address to the graduates on Sunday morning. The commencement has been postponed until September, owing to the death of the principal, H. K. McCabe.

RURAL SERVICE UNPOPULAR

The question which is at present engaging the attention of officers of the Post Office Department and which dwells in interest even the investigations of alleged scandals in the Department, is the threatened extinction of country "general" stores and local industries generally by the rapidly growing rural free delivery service.

The first step taken by the Department to remedy the acknowledged evil was the issuance of the order discontinuing the practice of sending to a large number of manufacturing concerns and mail order firms throughout the country daily bulletins containing information regarding the establishment of rural routes, their location and the names of the carriers.

The second step will be taken by Postmaster General Payne within a few days, when he will issue an order calling attention of the employees of the rural free delivery service to that section of the regulations which prohibits a carrier from acting as agent for any firm.

The third step will be taken by the Postmaster General sometime in the near future by rescinding the order issued some months ago instructing each postmaster to post in a conspicuous place in his office the names and addresses of patrons along the rural routes branching out from his headquarters.

Card of Thanks
The members of Washington Camp, No. 9, P. O. S. of A., wish to extend their thanks to the public in general, for the generous treatment they received during their festival this week.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS

The Galena bank is now nearly ready for business.

Wheat harvest is expected about the 20th of June in Kent County.

Preston Shalleross, of Philadelphia, is visiting his uncle, Mr. Jacob T. Shalleross.

Mrs. John F. Ernest entertained her sister, Miss Bessie Gunkel, of Warwick, on Wednesday.

The local team played and defeated the Golt's professionals on Saturday afternoon by a score of 22 to 17.

Children's Day will be observed in the old historic brick M. E. Church tomorrow evening, June 14th.

Mrs. Raymond Thornly and son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McIntire, of Galena on Wednesday.

Edward Harris, of Rising Sun, won the silver medal in the tennis tournament at the Jacob Tome Institute last week.

Bel Air has been selected as a site for the encampment of the Maryland National Guards during ten days in July.

Mr. Stephen Boyer, of Middletown, was entertained several days last week by his nephew, Stephen Boyer, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Biggs, of near Chesapeake City, were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston, on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens and daughter, of Blackstone Cross Roads, were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston, on Friday and Saturday last.

Rev. Giles B. Cook, rector of St. Mary's P. E. Church, of North East, has been appointed, by Bishop Adams, dean of northern convocation of the diocese of Easton.

Alexander W. McNamee, of North East, will command the new steamer Lord Baltimore of the Ericsson Line, which was launched last week at Wilmington.

The annual services and re-unions were held in Old Drawyers' Presbyterian Church near Odessa on Sunday last and quite a number from lower Kent passed through Sassafraz to attend the services.

The 35th annual convention of the Diocese of Easton assembled in Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, last week was a most enjoyable affair. Bishop Adams said it was the best convention they have had for fifteen years.

Capt. Andrew Woodall, of Georgetown, passed through Sassafraz on Wednesday evening in company with his nephew, Mr. Woodall and Mr. R. Reeding, of Georgetown. Captain Woodall was on his return from Cambridge where he had been looking after his freight steamer being built there.

The marriage of Miss Emma Johns, one of our most popular young ladies, to Mr. Joseph H. Lane, a young business man of Philadelphia, took place on Monday, June 1st, at the residence of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Mellick, 1741 North 20th street, Philadelphia. It was a beautiful wedding. The house was decorated with June roses and potted plants. Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held after which Mr. and Mrs. Lane left for Atlantic City where they spent their honeymoon. We wish this young couple much happiness.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Mr. Charles Ellison spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Miss Ethel Ellison spent this week with Chesapeake City friends.

Miss Bessie Rhodes, of Chesapeake City, is the guest of Mrs. A. Spear.

Miss Helen Spear, of Earleville, is being entertained by Miss Helen Ellison.

Mr. William Berry spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Julian Jones, in Kennedyville.

Mrs. George Lofland, of Chestertown, was a recent visitor to her sister, Mrs. Frederick Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pyle were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. George Benson, of Earleville, on Wednesday.

Miss Edythe B. Willis, of Chesapeake City, and Messrs. Pie and Jones, of Delaware College, Newark, were entertained by Miss Effie Berry on Sunday.

A FEAST OF SINGING

The grandest, most imposing singing festival ever held in America will be celebrated in Baltimore during the week of June 14th. The greatest opportunity of almost a life time is afforded the citizens of this Peninsula to hear a chorus of over 5000 trained voices from singing associations all over the Northeastern part of America. President Roosevelt, Members of his Cabinet, Baron von Sternburg, German Ambassador at Washington and members of his embassy. Diplomatic Representatives of all foreign nations and the Governor of Maryland and his staff will attend. The Secretary of the Navy has ordered two war ships, the "Topeka" and "Prairie," to the port of Baltimore for Saengerfest week, and will likely send two more.

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For rates and information address W. E. Burwell, Manager, Deer Park, Garrett County, Md.

Drowned at Georgetown

George Lewis, colored, a deckhand on the steamer "Kitty Knight," fell overboard while at work loading the vessel at Georgetown, Kent county, Md., on Saturday, and was drowned. The body was recovered and an inquest was held, the jury rendering a verdict of accidental death.

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7-piece Bed-room Suits from \$18 to \$35.
Iron Beds, in white, blue, green or pink, all sizes, \$5 to \$18.

Mattresses, all sizes and different grades, from \$2 to \$5.

Springs, all kinds of wire woven, from \$1.50 to \$5.00.

Sideboards, solid oak, from \$10 to \$35.

Refrigerators, the best makes, from \$10 to \$20.

Couches, in velvet and damask, from \$6.50 to \$18.

Parlor Suits, in all kinds of coverings, from \$18 to \$50.

Kitchen Chairs, 50c. to \$1.25.

Dining-room Chairs, \$1.25 to \$7.50.

Rockers, of all kinds, \$1.50 to \$5.90.

Carpets.

Brussels Carpet, in beautiful patterns, from 60c. to \$1.00 per yard.

Ingrain Carpet, in beautiful patterns, from 50c. per yard up.

Rag Carpet, in beautiful patterns, from 30c. per yard up.

Oil Cloth, in different widths, from 25c. per yard up.

Window Curtains, from 23c. up.

Matting, China and Japanese, from \$4 to \$10 per roll.

Hassocks, in the tomato shape, 35c. each.

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We have some of those Reed Rockers on hand yet. Come early and get 2 of them for \$1.98.

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It's a very simple thing to say—"Make 50 suits of this and 60 suits of this," but the maker wants his profit—and often, a good, round one.

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This will be a great Serge year. Our tailors have instructions to side-track everything but Serge, and what perfect Serge suits they're making! There's nothing to equal a Serge suit, if it fits—if it won't fade. There's nothing worse, if it fails to stand either test. There's never a slump in Serge suit buying at Oak Hall.

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THE LAST CALL TO

Tax Payers

—OF—

St. Georges Hundred!

As this is my last notice to the taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, all persons liable to pay taxes in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the taxes for the year 1902 are due, and I will sit

At LLOYD'S HOTEL, IN ODESSA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24th, 1903, From 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

At STIDHAM'S HOTEL, IN PORT PENN, On THURSDAY, MAY 28th, and THURSDAY, JUNE 25th, 1902 From 1 to 4 P. M.

At MY OFFICE IN MIDDLETOWN, Adams' Express Building, every day and evening except the above dates.

Please read the following Extract of the Law "That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum; on all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum; on all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever; and on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January next ensuing five per centum thereof shall be added thereto."

Also, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: As my time as Collector will expire on July 1st, 1903, and as I am compelled to make settlement with the Levy Court, all persons who have not paid their taxes for the year 1902, will be proceeded against by law as provided by the Court, as I cannot wait any longer.

T. E. HURN, Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

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Trains Leave Middletown as follows:
North Bound—3.30, 7.34, 9.30 and 10.27 a. m.;
1.14 and 6.05 p. m.
South Bound—12.45, 5.31, 8.31 and 11.40 a. m.;
3.56, 4.14 and 7.59 p. m.

Mails Close as follows:
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.05 a. m., 3.50 p. m.,
6.35 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—3.10 a. m., 4.30 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—9.30 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 3.50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Sassa-
mus—9.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JUNE 13, 1903.

Local News.

Soft Shell Crabs at JONES & BRADLEY'S.
Huber's Steamed Bread at
JONES & BRADLEY'S.
Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F.
INGRAM'S.

Crab meat by the quart at JONES &
BRADLEY'S.
Delicious Ice Cream Soda, at
PEARSON'S PHARMACY.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist,
office Southeast corner of Main and Scott
streets.

The annual service at Old St. Anne's
Church will be held to-morrow, weather
permitting, at half past ten.
Graduating Exercises were held at
Gouldy College last week. Judge George
Gray, presided. The College will be
open all summer.

Soft Shell Crabs at JONES & BRADLEY'S.
We have over 1000 crabs to show. A
full assortment of summer corsets.

MRS. G. W. PETERSON.
Crab meat by the quart at JONES &
BRADLEY'S.

Until further notice the Middletown
Public Library will be open on Tuesday
evenings, from 7 to 8.30; Saturday after-
noons, from 4 to 5; Saturday evenings,
from 7 to 8.30.

Ask for Huber's Bread at
JONES & BRADLEY'S.

Uncollected Letters.—The following list
of letters remain uncollected in the post
office for the week ending June 4th:
Mrs. Neal Cole, Miss Laura Dover, Chris-
topher Brooks, Danial Gibbs.

Try Huber's Steamed Bread. For
sale by
JONES & BRADLEY'S.

I make a specialty of ladies' and chil-
dren's Underwear. Have just received
summer gauds and knit goods.

MRS. G. W. PETERSON.
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be administered in the Forest Pres-
byterian Church on to-morrow morning.

The Session will meet at 10.15 A. M. to
receive those desiring to unite with the
church.

New Summer Dress Goods and Lace
Trimnings. The latest in Applique and
Medallions. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

The June drop of fruit is now on and
the growers will soon be able to see what
there is left to make a crop of. From
present prospects there will not be a full
crop of any kind of fruit in this part of
the county.

New stock of Summer hosiery in lace
and drop stitch for ladies and children
just received. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

The Children's Day services in Forest
Presbyterian Church on Sunday last were
largely attended, and the program ren-
dered was a most excellent one.

Mr. M. Banning, the East end grocery-
man, is having a stationary awning
placed in front and around the West side
of his store, which will enable him to
display his goods to a better advantage.

The festival given in the Opera House
on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings by
Washington Camp, No. 9, P. O. S. of A.,
was well attended and the lodge realized
several dollars profit after the expenses
were paid.

Call and see the new shirt waists in
White Madras and Lace goods.
MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

NOTICE.—A reward of \$10 will be
paid for information that will warrant
the arrest and conviction of the persons
who injured three of the shade trees on
the path leading to Forest Cemetery.
The same reward will be paid in the
future.

During the coming week some of our
farmers will begin harvesting their
winter crops, and while the yield will not
be a large one, it will doubtless be much
larger than was expected a few weeks
ago, as the rains of the past two weeks
have made many thousands of bushels of
all at.

The annual re-union of Old Drawer's
Church Sunday last was not attended by
a very large crowd, owing to the stormy
day, although the church was comfortably
filled in the afternoon. In the
morning the Rev. Joseph Brown Turner,
of Dover, preached an able sermon, and
in the afternoon Mr. J. A. B. Dilworth,
of New York, addressed the congregation.

The fruit growers and farmers are dis-
cussing the remarkable developments in
garden and field during the past few days,
during which time a searching rain has
fallen. The rains, together with the
cool weather, have worked wonderful
improvement. It is now estimated that
wheat will average two-thirds of a full
crop. In well-tilled lands the early corn
presents good stands, only where the
weather affected the tilling are the stands
uneven and unsatisfactory.

Children's Day will be observed in
Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church
to-morrow, and the program to be ren-
dered will be interesting and instructive.
To-morrow, (June 14th) being the an-
niversary of the adoption of the Ameri-
can flag by Congress, it is proposed to
use the flag in decorating the church, and
the teachers and scholars will be pre-
sented with small flags. In the morning
the primary department will render its
part of the day's program, and the large
school in the evening.

Some of our most enterprising business-
men have a movement on foot for an
elaborate display of the works of the
evening of July 4th, and if sufficient funds
can be raised we may have the finest
display that has ever been seen in Mid-
dletown. Our attention was called to
this matter early in the week, and every-
one seems to think we should have some
kind of amusement for the 4th, and if
some of our business men will just start
the ball rolling, it will not only be
an evening of much pleasure, but will
bring many people from the surrounding
country to town, and be very profitable
to our merchants. What do you think
of it, Mr. Merchant?

Middletown was enveloped in smoke
the greater part of Thursday evening and
Friday of last week as a result of the for-
est fires in the Adirondacks in New York
and in New Jersey. In the vicinity of
Lakewood, and the smoke was so dense
and otherwise noticeable that it attracted
a great deal of attention and aroused the
curiosity of our people. In New York,
Boston and Philadelphia, the smoke
caused considerable suffering among
those afflicted with weak throats and sore
eyes. The forest fires caused a loss of
many thousands of dollars and river traffic
for a time was almost suspended.

About 40 workmen are now engaged in
grading on West Main street for the Mid-
dletown and Odessa trolley road, and that
end of our usually quiet town for the
cent of great attraction for our people.
During the early part of the week a large
traction engine was used to pull the plow
through the crushed stone and while the
work was finally accomplished, the work-
men found it a very hard task. The rails
have been laid as far East as the Middle-
town Hotel, and if the weather permits
they will be laid on East Main street
during the coming week, and then con-
tinued on to Odessa, a distance of about
four miles, where the road will terminate
for the present.

Mr. Robert E. Waters who resides at
Ginn's Corner had a very unpleasant ex-
perience Wednesday morning. Mr.
Waters was engaged in hauling ties for
the Middletown and Odessa trolley road,
and while descending the steep hill near
Willow Grove Mill, the ties suddenly
slipped forward from the wagon, and be-
fore the driver could jump he found him-
self wedged beneath the ties. At the
time the accident occurred there was no
one near the unfortunate man, and it
was quite a while before he could free
himself and get out, and although badly
bruised, he was not otherwise injured.
The horses were badly frightened and
one of them broke loose from the wagon,
but fortunately they were not seriously
hurt.

The large barn and granary on the farm
of George L. Townsend, near Summit
Bridge, was burned to the ground Wed-
nesday night. The fire was first discov-
ered about 10 o'clock by Mr. Townsend's
son, George L. Townsend, Jr. He was
about a half a mile away when he first
noticed a light in the vicinity of the
barn. He at first thought it was some-
one in the field with a lantern. It was
only a minute later, however, when he
saw the flames shoot up and he then
realized that the barn was on fire. Al-
though he turned to the scene at once,
when he arrived the entire building was a
mass of flames. The fire by that time
was beyond all control and the family
could do nothing but stand around and
watch it burn. The blaze lighted up
the country for miles and for an hour
it was almost as light as day within a
radius of a mile of the barn. The loss
was covered by insurance as the barn and
granary were insured in the Centennial
Mutual Insurance Company, of Odessa.
Mr. Townsend will start to rebuild at
once.

THE COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of the
Middletown High School will be held in
the Opera House on Monday evening,
and while there is only one graduate,
Miss Elsie Rosine Jones, the program
given below is a most excellent one.
Thomas F. Bayard, Esq., of Wilmington,
will make the address of the evening.

Following is the program:

1. Overture.....Orchestra.
2. Invocation.....Rev. F. H. Moore.
3. Chorus....."Welcome Song."
4. Recitation.....Fannie McCrone.
5. "Songs of the Wrens,".....Tennyson.
- (a) Flight of the Females—Reflec-
tion, Mary Richards;
- (b) Writing the Letter—Reflection,
Helen Biggs;
- (c) No Answer Comes—Reflection,
Stella Beaton;
- (d) The Answer Comes—Reflection,
Mary Richards;
- (e) Contents of the Answer—Ay,
Helen Biggs;
- (f) When Shall the Marriage Be,
Stella Beaton;
- (g) The Marriage Morning, Mary
Richards.
6. "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow,"
Victor H. Jones, Jerome.
7. Chorus....."The Seasons,"
Soloists—Anna Denny Viola Dow-
ney, Helen Davis.
8. Essay....."The Sunny Side,"
Elsie Rosine Jones.
9. Presentation of Diplomas,
George D. Kelley.
10. Chorus....."Happy Old School Days,"
Soloists—May Kumpel, Jeannette
Schreitz.
11. Address.....Thomas F. Bayard, Esq.,
of Dover, "Good Night."
12. Benediction.....Rev. W. J. Wilkie.
13. Music.....Orchestra.
- Accompanist.....Maude Deakne.

CHORUS

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| May Kumpel, | Mary Lewis, |
| Helen Davis, | Emma Kelley, |
| Anna Denny, | Lillian Solway, |
| Louise McCrone, | Jeannette Schreitz, |
| Prudence Lewis, | Viola Downey, |
| Mary Gill, | Bessie Forker, |
| Helen Rowe, | Mary Richards, |
| Ada Scott, | Helen Biggs, |
| Helen Biggs, | Fannie McCrone, |
| Stella Beaton, | Elsie Boulden, |
| Alice Dawson, | Lydia Dockerty, |
| Josephine Cochran, | Victor Jones, |
| Rebecca Darlington, | Lloyd Bragdon, |
| Jay Parker, | William Whitlock, |
| Ernest Hukill, | |
| Ernest Sirman, | |
| Jean Metten, | Lillian Walker. |

CECIL COUNTY FARMS SOLD

Ten hundred and forty-five acres of
improved farm land, owned by the late
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Groom, in Cecil
county, Md., was sold at public auction
in Elktion Monday. A farm of 346 acres,
on the road from Cecilton to Earleyville,
was sold to Dr. J. J. Black of New Castle,
Del., for \$11,950. A second farm of 479
acres in the same district, on the south
side of Elk river, was purchased by Mrs.
Elizabeth G. Constable, of Elktion, for
\$10,205. A third farm, containing 220
acres, near Elktion, was sold to James R.
Kirk, of Chesapeake City, for \$6,010.
A small house and lot in Elktion was
sold to George R. Howard, for \$535.

DELAWARE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises for Dela-
ware College at Newark will be as fol-
lows:
Sunday, June 14th, 11.00 A. M.—Ser-
mon by Y. M. C. A. in Oratory, by the
Rev. Charles S. Stevens, pastor First
Presbyterian Church, Wilmington. 8.00
P. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon, in Oratory,
by the Rev. N. F. Stahl, Delaware City.
Monday, June 15th, 2.00 P. M.—Class
Day Exercises in Oratory. 8.00 p. m.—
Anniversary celebration of the Athenae-
um Literary Society.
Tuesday, June 16th, 11.00 A. M.—
Meeting of Board of Trustees. 8.00 P. M.—
Anniversary celebration of the Delta
Phi Literary Society.
Wednesday, June 17th, 10.30 A. M.—
Commencement Exercises. 12.30 P. M.—
Luncheon to visitors from out of New-
ark. 2.30 P. M.—Meeting of the Ath-
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Hop given by the Junior Class.

DELAWARE FURNISHES HORSES
Seventeen horses, purchased in Kent
County, Delaware, by a commissioner
from King Edward for the royal stables,
were shipped last week from Philadel-
phia on the Atlantic Transport steamer
Mignehaha. They will be used for breed-
ing purposes. This, it is said, is the first
purchase of American horses by an
European monarch for his private use.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. Frank Suydam was a Dover visitor
this week.
Miss Daisy Naudain spent Friday in
Philadelphia.
Miss Dora Price is spending sometime
with Philadelphia friends.
Mr. Sylvester Rose, of Wilmington,
was in town over Sunday.

Miss Jessie Atwell, of Pittsburgh, Pa.,
is visiting Miss Eliza Green.
Mr. C. H. Messick, of Cecilton, paid
our office a pleasant call Friday.

Miss Anna Boyer, of Hagerstown, Md.,
has been visiting Miss Lily Scott.
Mr. Daniel Craddock, of Philadelphia,
is visiting his uncle, Mr. W. B. Kates.

Miss Della Moore, of St. Georges, is the
guest of her sister, Mrs. John W. Dick-
inson.

Mr. James H. Burrows spent Sunday
with his brother in Wilmington.
Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard and daugh-
ter visited relatives at Cheswood on Sun-
day.

Mrs. Rothwell, of Willow Grove, Pa.,
is visiting her sisters, the Misses Beaton
on Cass street.

Mr. John Edward Ginn is visiting
friends in Wilmington, Philadelphia and
Atlantic City.

Miss Clara Richards, of Wilmington,
spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. G. S. Richards.

Mrs. A. M. McKee and daughter, Miss
Allie, are guests of friends and relatives
in Washington, D. C.

Miss Bertie Cochran, of "Cochran
Grange," is spending sometime with
friends in Elktion, Pa.

Mr. Benjamin Calk, of Newark, was the
guest of Mrs. M. J. Whitlock several
days the past week.

Clerk of Orphans' Court Jos. C. Jolls
attended the Grand Conclave of Hepta-
saphs in Richmond, Va., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stiles and daugh-
ter, Miss Grace, of Philadelphia, were
over Sunday guests at the Middletown
Hotel.

Miss Louise Reynolds, of Burlington,
N. J., spent Sunday with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Reynolds, on North
Broad street.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles N. Dickinson, of
Wilmington, were guests of her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, Wednesday
and Thursday.

Miss Anna R. Maxwell who has been
confined to her room for several weeks,
is much improved in health at this writ-
ing and will leave next week for Atlantic
City.

Announcement has been made of the
approaching marriage of Miss Wilhel-
mina Beaton, of this town, and Mr. Ar-
thur P. Johns, of Rehoboth, on Wednes-
day, June 24th.

Miss Ella Lynch, of Elktion, and Miss
Naomi Vandegrift and Messrs. Wilmer
Nowland and Jacob Metz, of Chesapeake
City, attended the festival and dance on
Wednesday evening.

JUNE BRIDES

STEVENS-AKER
Miss Caroline E. Aker and Stanley S.
Stevens, both of Delaware City, were
married Wednesday night at the home
of the bride.

At precisely 8.30 P. M. the bridal pro-
cession marched into the parlor to the
 strains of the wedding march. The Rev.
Mr. Stahl, of the Presbyterian Church of
Delaware City, performed the ceremony.
The bride wore white crepe de chine
trimmed in peau de soie and satin rib-
bons, and carried a huge bouquet of
bride roses. Miss Bertha M. Stevens,
the sister of the groom, was bridesmaid,
and was exquisitely gowned in Persian
muslin trimmed with lace insertion and satin
ribbon and carried roses. William J.
Buehm, of Wilmington, acted as groom-
sman. Mr. Stevens is engineer in the em-
ploy of the Quartermaster Department of
the United States Navy on the steamer
Captain Reilly, plying between Forts
DuPont, Mott and Delaware and a son of
the late Alfred Stephens, of Odessa. The
bride is very popular in the town of
which she has always been a resident.
Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will visit Niagara
Falls, after which they will reside at
Delaware City in their new home re-
cently erected.

CROSSAN-NAYLOR

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William W.
Naylor, near Odessa, was the scene of a
pretty wedding Thursday afternoon at
two o'clock, when their daughter, Miss
Beatrice L., was united in marriage to Mr.
George K. Crossan, of Wilmington, by the
Rev. G. P. Jones, pastor of Brandywine
M. E. Church, Wilmington, an ex-
pastor of the Immanuel M. E. Church,
Towmest, of which church the bride
was a member.

WALKER-DAVIS

Miss Ada M. Davis, of this town, and
Mr. Porter E. Walker, of Odessa, were
married at the parsonage of Asbury M.
E. Church, Wilmington at 8 o'clock
Wednesday evening, by the pastor, Rev.
H. S. Dulaney. The young couple were
attended by Miss Ollie Tubbs, and Mr.
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ODESSA NOTES

Mr. W. F. Reed is visiting his family
at Baltimore, Md.
Mr. Russell Morris is visiting his sister,
Mrs. J. M. Arters.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morris spent
Sunday with relatives in town.

Miss Lillie Gilch, of Atlantic City, N.
J., is home on her summer vacation.
Miss Louise N. Corbit is visiting her
sister, Mrs. F. W. Curtis, at Newark.

Mrs. E. C. Woodall, of Washington,
D. C., is the guest of Mrs. D. W. Corbit.
Miss Anna Hallett, of Milford, is the
guest of her brother, Rev. R. L. Hallett.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kumpel, of Dela-
anco, N. J., spent Sunday with relatives
in town.

John Heller, of Wilmington, visited
William Heller and family a few days
this week.

Mrs. J. W. Watkins entertained her
sister, Miss May Janvier, of Wilmington,
this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kumpel, of Med-
ford, N. J., spent Thursday with rela-
tives in town.

Miss Louise Vandyke, of Ridley Park,
was the guest of Miss Mally from Sat-
urday until Monday.

Mrs. E. R. Sharp, of Lewes, was enter-
tained by her son, Prof. Hugh Rodney
Sharp, part of this week.

Rev. J. M. Arters attended the Com-
mencement of Wilmington Conference
Academy at Dover on Wednesday.

Rev. J. M. Arters will deliver the ad-
dress at the annual picnic of the P. O. S.
of A. at Golds, Md., this afternoon.

Mrs. William Eccles entertained Mrs.
William Skellenger and daughters,
Misses Lou and Angie, of Wilmington,
on Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid Society was very
pleasantly entertained at the home of
Mrs. E. N. Moore, near town, on Wed-
nesday evening.

The Epworth League of St. Paul's M.
E. Church has under contemplation
much needed repairs to the Sunday
school and class rooms of the church.
The work will begin in the very near
future.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Stevens and daugh-
ter, Miss Bertha, attended the wedding
of her son, Mr. Stanley S. Stevens, to
Miss Carrie Ecker, of Delaware City, at
the home of the bride's parents on Wed-
nesday evening.

Active preparations are in progress for
a successful Children's Day at the M. E.
Church to-morrow evening, June 14th.
A special sermon to the children in the
morning and the exercise of the school
at night will comprise the program for
the day.

The Epworth League of the M. E.
Church will celebrate the Bi-Centenary
of John Wesley Wednesday evening,
June 17th. Rev. A. W. Lightbourn of
Epworth Church, Wilmington, will deliver
an address on "John Wesley; His Gospel
then and now." Rev. C. W. Smith, of
Hillaboro, Md., will speak and sing.
A Social will be given by the Epworth
League in the lecture room after the
exercises. All are cordially invited to
attend.

DEATH OF PROF. H. K. MCCABE

The people of Townsend and vicinity
were sadly shocked on Monday, June 8th,
by the death of Prof. H. K. McCabe.

Prof. McCabe continued in charge of
his school the previous week, though not
feeling in his usual health. Saturday and
Sunday he was confined to his room, but
there seemed no occasion for alarm. He
became suddenly worse Monday noon.
Three doctors were summoned to his bed-
side, but could do nothing to relieve
him and he died about 7 P. M. The
physician pronounced the trouble to be
dysentery and kidney.

Prof. McCabe was born on a farm in
Baltimore Hundred, near Selbyville, Sus-
sex County, Delaware, April 22d, 1870.
He was the oldest son of Elisha C. and
Julia McCabe. His boyhood was spent
on the farm, and in attending the village
school. When he grew to manhood he
engaged in teaching for some years. Later
he entered the Wilmington Conference
Academy at Dover, where he prepared
for Delaware College. After graduating
from Delaware College, he again engaged
in teaching filling the position of Prin-
cipal at St. Georges and at Townsend. He
had been at the latter place two years
and had won the esteem of the commu-
nity. He was an exemplary christian, and
a courteous gentleman. His death was
an impressive one. He realized sooner
than anyone else that his end was near
and cheerfully expressed his readiness to
go. His body was taken to Selbyville
for interment Tuesday evening and on
Wednesday morning was laid at rest in
the Red Men's Cemetery.

His pastor, Rev. J. H. Beachamp,
Messrs. G. M. D. Hart, W. A. Scott and
D. B. Maloney of the School Board, Sup-
erintendent D. B. Jones, Miss Ethelwyn
Maloney of the class of 1903, also Mrs.
W. A. Scott and Mrs. Miss Donovan
and son Kemp, accompanied the remains
to Selbyville.

Rev. W. L. S. Murray of Wilmington,
had charge of the services. Addresses
were made by Dr. Murray, Rev. J. H.
Beachamp and Rev. George P. Jones.

The funeral was largely attended and
bore evidence to the esteem in which the
deceased was held by those who knew him
in his boyhood.

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2d, 1903.
WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence pre-
sented to the undersigned, it has been
made to appear that THE PEOPLE'S NA-
TIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN, located in
the Town of Middletown, in the County
of New Castle, and State of Delaware, has
complied with all the provisions of the
"Act of Congress to enable National
Banking Associations to extend their
corporate existence and for other pur-
poses," approved July 12th, 1882.

Now THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM B. RIDGE-
LY, Comptroller of the Currency, do
hereby certify that "THE PEOPLE'S NA-
TIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN," located in
the Town of Middletown, in the County
of New Castle, and State of Dela-
ware, is authorized to have succession
for the period specified in its amended
articles of association, namely until close
of business on June 2d, 1923.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, with-
ness my hand and Seal of
office this second day of June,
1903.

WM. B. RIDGE-
LY, Comptroller of the Currency.
No. 3019.

ST. GEORGES ITEMS

Miss Anna Moore is in Wilmington.
Mrs. S. W. DeWitt was a Philadelphia
visitor last week.

George Swain spent Sunday with his
son near Newport.
Mrs. Gleich, of Elktion, visited rela-
tives here on Sunday.

J. H. Stewart visited Philadelphia rela-
tives part of last week.
Mrs. James White paid a visit to friends
in Wilmington on Friday.

John Moore, of Wilmington, spent
Sunday with his family here.
H. C. Taylor, of Wilmington, was en-
tertained by friends here on Saturday.

The public schools will close Friday,
June 19th, with appropriate exercises.
Mrs. H. C. Dennison, of New Castle, is
spending this week with relatives here.

Howard Vincent and family, of Elktion,
called on a number of old friends here on
Sunday.
Harry R. Layfield, of Middletown, was
warmly greeted by old friends here on
Tuesday.

James Paynter visited his sister, Mrs.
Bennett Lancaster, in New Castle, on
Saturday.
Rev. J. R. Milligan, wife and daugh-
ter, Miss Sara, were in Wilmington part
of last week.

Frank Jones, of Alameda, Cal., was en-
tertained by Mrs. Alida Jones and daugh-
ters on Sunday.
Charles Strenger, of Philadelphia, was
the guest of James Paynter and family
part of last week.

Mrs. D. C. Wolf, Mrs. J. W. Carrow
and Mrs. O. H. Martin were visitors in
Wilmington Friday.
Mrs. George Swain has returned from
a visit of several days with her son, Harry
Swain and family, near Newport.

Mrs. John Moore and mother, Mrs.
Amanda Townsend, spent several days
last week with William Sparks and fam-
ily near State Road.<

